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Letter dated 27 March 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 31 December 1999 and 23 February 2000, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 31 December 1999-23 February 2000

1. *31 December 1999*

At 1740 hours the Iranians fired four 120-mm mortar rounds south of the Uqbah ibn Nafi` post.

2. *14 January 2000*

At 1800 hours shots were fired and illumination flares were launched by two Iranian boats in the Shatt al-Arab as an infiltrator was seeking to cross to the Iraqi side in the area opposite the Shahid Adnan post from the Ma`amir area.

3. *15 January 2000*

At 2100 hours three persons, two Iranian nationals and an Iraqi national, infiltrated into Iraqi territory.

4. *24 January 2000*

At 1045 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear between the Shihabi and Jallat posts. It fired on a group of Iraqi shepherds before returning to the rear at 1055 hours.

5. *24 January 2000*

At 1800 hours the Iranians placed three soldiers in each of the forward monitoring posts opposite the Qat`ah area at coordinates 289678, 286666 and 303624 and opposite Shayhan at coordinates 311582 and 318572. At 0600 hours on 25 January the soldiers withdrew from the posts.

6. *31 January 2000*

At 1200 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying inside Iranian territory over the Muhammarah area. It flew on for some five minutes and then withdrew towards the Iranian rear.

7. *31 January 2000*

At 0800 hours the Iranians proceeded with the clear-burning of reed-beds opposite the Fada`iyah area at coordinates 451505 (1:100,000 map of Saybah).

8. *31 January 2000*

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work on completing the metal structures located along the Iranian shore of the Shatt al-Arab between the area opposite Duwayb at coordinates 448507 and the Iranian Khosrowabad area at coordinates 517413 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). The work consists of painting the structures green and welding any damaged parts.

9. *1 February 2000*

At 1300 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen one kilometre inside Iraqi territory opposite Iraq's Sumud post. It later returned to Iranian territory.

10. *1 February 2000*

At 1100 hours the Iranians opened a new monitoring post at coordinates 5839 (1:100,000 map of Mandali). It is manned by three or four persons with light weapons and a PKC medium machine-gun.

11. *1 February 2000*

At 1630 hours two Iranian soldiers from the guard post at coordinates 9965 approached to within 150 metres of the Arafat post at coordinates 9765. They fired 10 rounds at the post from a GC half-stock assault rifle, and at 1645 hours they returned to their own guard post.

12. *3 February 2000*

At 1300 hours the Iranian engineering unit began work on completing the metal structures located opposite the Ma`amir area at coordinates 549275 (1:100,000 map of Saybah), painting them green. The unit consisted of five persons wearing blue overalls and a small pontoon towed by a small boat with a 48-horse-power motor.

13. *6 and 7 February 2000*

Iranian helicopters violated the international boundary with Iraq in the Jazirah sector and in areas opposite Iran's Ilam and Dehloran regions.

14. *7 February 2000*

At 0800 hours eight helicopters were seen flying over the Iranian mountain chain from Iran's observation post opposite Iraq's Shihabi post to an area opposite Iraq's Za`faran post. They flew at low altitudes over the wadis, and at 0900 hours they returned to the Iranian rear.

15. *9 February 2000*

At 1300 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen one kilometre inside Iraqi territory opposite Iraq's Sumud post. It returned to the Iranian rear.

16. *9 February 2000*

At 1600 hours a helicopter was seen over Iranian territory opposite the Salah al-Din post heading towards Iran's Miyan Tanak post opposite the Harran post. It then returned inside Iranian territory.

17. *9 February 2000*

At 1500 hours the Iranians pitched two tents opposite the Fada`iyah post at coordinates 520412 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). To the right of the tents are three defensive positions, and there are two positions to the left. The positions are manned on a daily basis, each by four persons armed with GC assault rifles, between 1800 hours and 0600 hours the next morning.

18. *10 February 2000*

At 0930 hours sounds of light-, medium- and heavy-weapons fire were heard from the area opposite the Darraji post at coordinates 103718 (1:100,000 map of Zorbatiyah). The detonations continued until 1100 hours.

19. *11 February 2000*

At 1125 hours the Iranians fired 12 launcher-type rockets that fell opposite our units in the Shihabi area (Mulla Nafi` village) at coordinates 4635.

20. *11 February 2000*

At 1300 hours the Iranians fired seven Katyusha launcher-type rockets that impacted in the area between Za`faraniyah and Khazinah at coordinates 4833, opposite our units.

21. *11 February 2000*

At 1130 hours the Iranians fired seven Katyusha-type rockets a distance of one kilometre into the area between Za`faraniyah and Khazinah.

22. *11 February 2000*

At 1800 hours the Iranians fired two 82-mm mortar rounds that impacted 100 metres in front of the Tayyib post.

23. *12 February 2000*

At 1730 hours the Iranians proceeded to build a machine-gun position opposite the Iraqi units at coordinates 5539 (Majnun North). The machine-gun was installed and the position manned by four soldiers.

24. *12 February 2000*

At 1400 hours two khaki-coloured helicopters were seen coming from the Darraji post at coordinates 1071 (1:100,000 map of Zorbatiyah) towards the Muhammad al-Qasim post at coordinates 660. They reconnoitred the sector along the border strip and then landed in Mehran city. At 1700 hours they returned to the Iranian rear by the same route.

25. *13 February 2000*

At 2030 hours an Iranian cabin cruiser hove to near the floating crane Sanam, moored on the Iraqi side, which is engaged in assigned work on a sunken vessel in the Sabhan area. When hailed, one of those on board responded that they were fishermen and that their boat had broken down. This is despite the instructions to the effect that fishing in the Shatt al-Arab at night is not permitted. After an Iraqi force had arrived, those on board the Iranian boat started the motor and headed towards the Iranian shore of the Shatt al-Arab. There, another Iranian boat was waiting for it. In the meantime, someone on the first boat fired a number of rounds at the crane. The boat then headed for the Iranian shore.

26. *13 February 2000*

At 1300 hours the Iranians pitched a 180-pound tent at coordinates 5348 opposite our units. It was occupied by eight soldiers armed with light and medium weapons.

27. *13 February 2000*

At 1200 hours the Iranians proceeded to dig seven slit trenches opposite our units at coordinates 9274. They were then manned by seven persons.

28. *13 February 2000*

The Iranians abducted two shepherds, Hilal Janab Muhammad and Shamran Ahmad Nasif, at a point in the border strip to the north of the Salah al-Din post and opposite Heroes' Hill.

29. *14 February 2000*

At 2200 hours the Iranians fired three launcher-type rockets. They impacted in the Za`faran area of the Amarah sector at coordinates 4834.

30. *15 February 2000*

At 0940 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying from the Abadan airfield towards Khosrowabad on the Iranian side. At 1015 hours it headed towards the Iranian rear.

31. *16 February 2000*

At 1533 hours the Iranians fired several light-weapons rounds at one of our vehicles at coordinates 6323 (1:100,000 map of Khazinah) (Wadi al-Jiftah).

32. *16 February 2000*

At 0100 hours two Iranian fighter aircraft coming from the rear flew along the boundary line opposite Iraqi units at Shalamjah. They then returned to the Iranian rear.

33. *18 February 2000*

At 1000 hours sounds of medium machine-gun fire were heard from inside Iranian territory opposite monitoring post 408 at coordinates 6562.

34. *18 February 2000*

At 1250 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen flying along the international boundary line opposite monitoring post 408 at coordinates 6562 and monitoring post 409 at coordinates 6662. At 1300 hours it returned to the Iranian rear.

35. *18 February 2000*

At 1330 hours a helicopter was seen coming from the direction of the Darraji post at coordinates 1071 towards the Muhammad al-Qasim post at coordinates 0660 (1:100,000 map of Zorbatiyah). It circled over Mehran city, heading towards the Ta`an post at coordinates 0365. It then landed in Mehran.

36. *19 February 2000*

At 2330 hours 10 shots were fired from the Iranian side at the United Arab Emirates merchant vessel KWLT MYT while it was moored in the Dawrah area of the Shatt al-Arab at coordinates 4836.

37. *19 February 2000*

At 1530 hours a group of some six Iranian infiltrators opened fire on Iraq's Kulliyah post at coordinates 8714 with launchers, machine-guns and light weapons, before taking refuge back inside Iranian territory. PFC Fallah Mahdi Finjan was killed in the incident.

38. *19 February 2000*

At 0700 hours six Iranian vehicles were seen towing six two-barrel machine-guns and coming from the rear towards Iran's Fakkah post. The machine-guns were deployed at coordinates 5152, 5148, 5150, 6038 and 6136. The vehicles then returned to the Iranian rear.

39. *19 February 2000*

At 1650 hours three Iranians were seen in front of the Mundhiriyah post at coordinates 4304 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin), some 600 metres from the international boundary. They reconnoitred the Iraqi units to a depth of 300 metres between the Miqdad post and the old Husayn post at coordinates 4110.

40. *19 February 2000*

At 1650 hours three Iranians were seen 600 metres in front of the Mundhiriyah post, inside Iranian territory. They reconnoitred of the Iraqi units for a period of 10 minutes and then withdrew to the Iranian rear.

41. *19 February 2000*

At 1930 hours concentrated machine-gun and mortar fire directed at the greater Ak Dağ mountain was seen coming from the Iranian side.

42. *20 February 2000*

At 0945 hours a helicopter was seen at high altitude opposite the Iraqi units at coordinates 8510. At 0950 hours it headed towards the Iranian rear.

43. *20 February 2000*

At 1100 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen flying low and in various directions in front of the Tayyib post at coordinates 0293 (1:100,000 map of Tayyib). It then flew off along the border strip and landed two kilometres in front of the post, where 18 persons alighted. At 1125 hours it took off, heading along the border strip.

44. *20 February 2000*

At 2045 hours a machine-gun was seen firing in the direction of the wadis from the greater Ak Dağ mountain.

45. *20 February 2000*

At 0715 hours the Iranians fired 10 81-mm shells that impacted 600 metres in front of the Iraqi units in the Sihhin area at coordinates 2677 (1:100,000 map of Tayyib).

46. *20 February 2000*

Two machine-guns were installed, one to the right and one to the left of the Iranian tent erected on 9 February at coordinates 520412.

47. *20 February 2000*

At 0730 hours the Iranians fired 10 81-mm mortar rounds at the Iraqi units near the Sharhani border post.

48. *20 February 2000*

At 1300 hours Iranians in the area opposite the fishing boat moorings at Faw opened fire. One round impacted at the anchorage.

49. *21 February 2000*

At 0120 hours there was intermittent light-weapons fire from the Iranians opposite the oil terminal and over the reed-beds along the Iranian shore.

50. *21 February 2000*

At 2230 hours the Iranians fired several shells from the Iranian rear. Three of them impacted 300 metres inside Iraq's national territory between the Miqdad post and the old Husayn post at coordinates 4110.

51. *21 February 2000*

At 0100 hours the Iranians fired two 81-mm mortar rounds opposite the Iraqi units in the Shaykh Faris area.

52. *21 February 2000*

At 0200 hours the Iranians fired one 81-mm mortar round opposite the Iraqi units in the Shaykh Faris area.

53. *22 February 2000*

At 0800 hours the Iranians removed the two tents erected at coordinates 520412 on 11 February, as well as the nearby positions. The two machine-guns installed to the right and left of the tents were likewise removed. The two PKT machine-guns previously installed at coordinates 490461 and 504445 had been removed on 20 February.

54. *22 February 2000*

At 1015 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying over the border strip opposite the Kirmashiyah post at coordinates 1048 (1:100,000 map of Zorbatiyah). It then headed back inside Iranian territory.

55. *22 February 2000*

At 1030 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear and heading towards Iran's Sayhah post at coordinates 9963 (1:100,000 map of Zorbatiyah). It then returned to Mehran city.

56. *22 February 2000*

At 1100 hours a helicopter was seen flying opposite the Kulliyah post at coordinates 8714 (1:100,000 map of Mandali). It then returned to the Iranian rear.

57. *22 February 2000*

At 1400 hours a helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear towards the Mimak post at coordinates 875183 and flying along the boundary with Iraq towards the Hilah post at coordinates 8520 (1:100,000 map of Mandali). It then returned to the Iranian rear.

58. *23 February 2000*

At 1100 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying from south to north over the Iranian units.

59. *23 February 2000*

At 1150 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the rear and flying along the border strip inside Iranian territory. It then headed towards Iran's Naft-e Shah area.

60. *23 February 2000*

At 1130 hours a helicopter was seen flying along the border strip opposite the Kirmashiyah post at coordinates 1048 (1:100,000 map of Zorbatiyah). It then headed back inside Iranian territory.